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REQUIRED FOR DEVELOPMENT, U.S. SAYS

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1. BANGKOK, MARCH 10-TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND "THE
CONCEPT OF BASIC HUMAN NEEDS" SHOULD BE THE KEYSTONES OF ANY NEW
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, THE UNITED STATES DECLARED TODAY.

2. UNDERSCORING THIS VIEW, THE U.S. ANNOUNCED READINESS TO PRO-
VIDE TWO MILLION DOLLARS TO FINANCE A SOUTHEAST ASIAN REGIONAL
REMOTE SENSING TRAINING CENTER AT THE ASIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLO-
GY NEAR BANGKOK. THE FACILITY WOULD TRAIN ASIAN SPECIALISTS TO USE
U.S. SATELLITE TECHNOLOGY TO AID THEIR COUNTRIES' ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT.

3. THE DECLARATIONS CAME IN A MESSAGE FROM ANDREW YOUNG, U.S.
AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS, TO THE 34TH ANNUAL SESSION IN
BANGKOK OF THE U.N. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND
THE PACIFIC (ESCAP.) YOUNG'S ADDRESS WAS READ FOR HIM BY AMBASSA-
DOR MELISSA F. WELLS, U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE U.N. ECONOMIC AND
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SOCIAL COUNCIL, ESCAP'S PARENT ORGANIZATION.

4. YOUNG'S PLANS TO ATTEND THE ESCAP MEETING AND VISIT OTHER
SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES WERE CANCELLED BECAUSE OF THE U.N.
SECURITY COUNCIL SESSION ON RHODESIA NOW UNDERWAY IN NEW YORK.

5. YOUNG SAID TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION SHOULD BE BASED

ON A CONCRETE ASSESSMENT OF INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES' DEVELOPMENT CAPABILITIES AND GOALS. THIS SHOULD BE FOLLOWED BY COLLECTIVE DECISIONS ON PROMOTING THESE GOALS THROUGH COOPERATION, PARTICULARLY ON THE REGIONAL AND SUB-REGIONAL LEVEL.

6. SUCH COOPERATION WOULD ALSO ASSIST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO SELECT APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGIES FOR THEIR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. THE REGIONAL CENTER FOR THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY IN BANGALORE, INDIA, IS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF THIS TYPE OF COOPERATION, YOUNG OBSERVED.

7. MEETING BASIC HUMAN NEEDS INVOLVES STRIKING A BALANCE BETWEEN TWO EXTREMES, YOUNG SAID. ONE, GROWTH THROUGH CONSUMPTION ALONE, IS A FORMULA FOR EXTERNAL ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY AND EVENTUAL STAGNATION. THE OTHER IS ARTIFICIAL MAINTENANCE OF A DUAL SOCIETY WHERE THE MASS POOR ARE "TRANQUILIZED BY SUBSIDIES AND WELFARE PROGRAMS" GUARANTEEING ONLY MARGINAL SURVIVAL. "THIS IS A FORMULA FOR UPRISINGS AND VIOLENCE," THE U.S. OFFICIAL DECLARED.

8. REAL CRITERIA FOR EQUITABLE GROWTH AND MEETING BASIC HUMAN NEEDS CAN BE SET ONLY BY THE PEOPLE WHOSE NEEDS HAVE TO BE MET, YOUNG SAID. THEY MUST BE THE "CREATORS, ORIGINATORS AND PROTAGONISTS OF CHANGE," YOUNG TOLD THE DELEGATES.

9. NO NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER CAN EMERGE FROM ON HIGH, NOT EVEN THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS. THE NEW SYSTEM "MUST HAVE

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ITS ROOTS BELOW, IN THE PEOPLE THEMSELVES," YOUNG MAINTAINED.

10. DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ALSO "HAVE SOME SERIOUS THINKING" TO DO ABOUT THE FUTURE STRUCTURE OF THE WORLD ECONOMY, YOUNG SAID. THEY CAN NO LONGER USE A PURE "FOREIGN AID" APPROACH TO THE LESS DEVELOPED WORLD. "TRADE, TECHNOLOGY AND PRIVATE INVESTMENT ARE INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT" IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS, HE SAID. NOR CAN THE INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD REGARD DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SOLELY AS RAW MATERIALS SOURCES AND MARKETS FOR MANUFACTURED GOODS, THE U.S. ENVOY DECLARED.

11. YOUNG PLEDGED CONTINUING U.S. ASSISTANCE IN BUILDING "A NEW WORLD ECONOMIC SYSTEM IN WHICH ALL MAY BENEFIT AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL STRONGLY SUPPORT." HE SAID U.S. DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROPOSALS IN THE ESCAP AREA FOR FISCAL YEAR 1979 TOTAL 470 MILLION DOLLARS-- 80 PERCENT ABOVE THE LEVELS TWO YEARS AGO.

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